

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State/Territory: South Carolina

DEFINITION OF SPECIALIZED SERVICES

For mental illness, specialized services are those services which combined with services provided by the NF results in the continuous and aggressive implementation of an individualized plan of care that-

- i) is developed and supervised by an interdisciplinary team, which includes a physician, qualified mental health professionals and as appropriate, other professionals;
- ii) prescribes specific therapies and activities for the treatment of persons experiencing an acute episode of serious mental illness, which necessitates supervision by trained mental health personnel; and
- iii) is directed toward diagnosing and reducing the resident's behavioral symptoms that necessitated institutionalization, improving his or her level of independent functioning, and achieving a functioning level that permits reduction in the intensity of mental health services to below the level of specialized services at the earliest possible time.

South Carolina elects not to provide specific examples of these services at this time.

For mental retardation, specialized services are the services specified by the State which, combined with services provided by the NF or other service providers, results in the implementation of an individualized plan of care that-

- i) provides specialized and generic training, treatment, health services and related services that is directed toward;
- ii) acquiring the behaviors necessary for the client to function with as much self-determination and independence as possible; and
- iii) preventing or decelerating regression or loss of current optimal functional status.

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